



City of Placerville Office of The Chief of Police

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George Nielsen
Chief of Police
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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

As the Placerville Police Chief, I am dedicated to protecting the public. Technology has been a great tool to help keep our residents safe. The importance of mobile broadband coverage is essential to today's first responders. A cell phone can be a life saving tool in a time of need and it is critical that these life and death calls are not dropped.

Not only is a mobile network helpful to the country's citizens, it is extremely beneficial to the police officers dedicated to protect the residents of Placerville. Gaps in coverage can greatly impact communication between police officers and outside medical emergency responders. The proposed merger of T-Mobile and AT&T, WT Docket Number 11-65, will expand LTE coverage which will greatly help us -- especially in emergency situations.

I ask the Commission to consider the improved public safety that could result from this acquisition. I understand and respect that a review must be conducted, but I am anxious to start utilizing the public safety benefits from this merger.

Sincerely,

George Nielsen
Chief of Police, City of Placerville

CC:
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Michael Copps
Commissioner Robert McDowell
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker